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1. Descriptive Invention Title: Moveable Light Masking for Segmented Displays**2. Inventor (s) Information** (The first named inventor should be the primary contact for Patent Operations)

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Brief summary of the invention:

This is a mechanical device to block undesired light from a projector in a multi-projector display while still allowing individual projectors to move freely during alignment.

Background

This device blocks undesired light from surfacing above the lens while still allowing the lens and projector to be moved around for alignment.

Loose cloth masking and boards were used in the past but both had problems. Most cloth is flammable which is a concern next to +100W lamps and moveable masking usually means that the cloth has slack that sags toward the lamps creating the fire hazard. When stiff material is used, the alignment process requires that holes be cut and repaired based on the latest alignment which is labor intensive and sometimes torques the lenses. This invention fixes both of these problems.

Description of the Invention

The main idea is to use a solid platform similar to a table around the exit pupil of the projector lenses. A hole is cut large enough around each lens to accommodate the alignment of each projector in the segmented display. A stiff masking that resembles an inverted top-hat with the top of the hat removed is then placed over each lens to mask the undesired light. This top-hat has a tube that is slightly larger in diameter than the outside dimensions of the lens which fits over the lens. The larger rectangle of material, analogous to the brim of the hat, must be larger than the opening in the table for each projector and has the tube inserted at 90 degrees to complete the adjustable masking. This masking design is a cylinder that is passed through a plane with the cylinder being the size of the lens.

This technique allows a very adjustable platform, eliminates the fire hazards that cloth presents, provides a very effective light masking, and provides a means to easily remove the masking during projector setup and to place the masking back in place within seconds.

The first few drawings show the general projector setup for the segmented display. The next page shows where the masking is applied in the frame. The last set of pictures show the components of the masking and the way they work together.

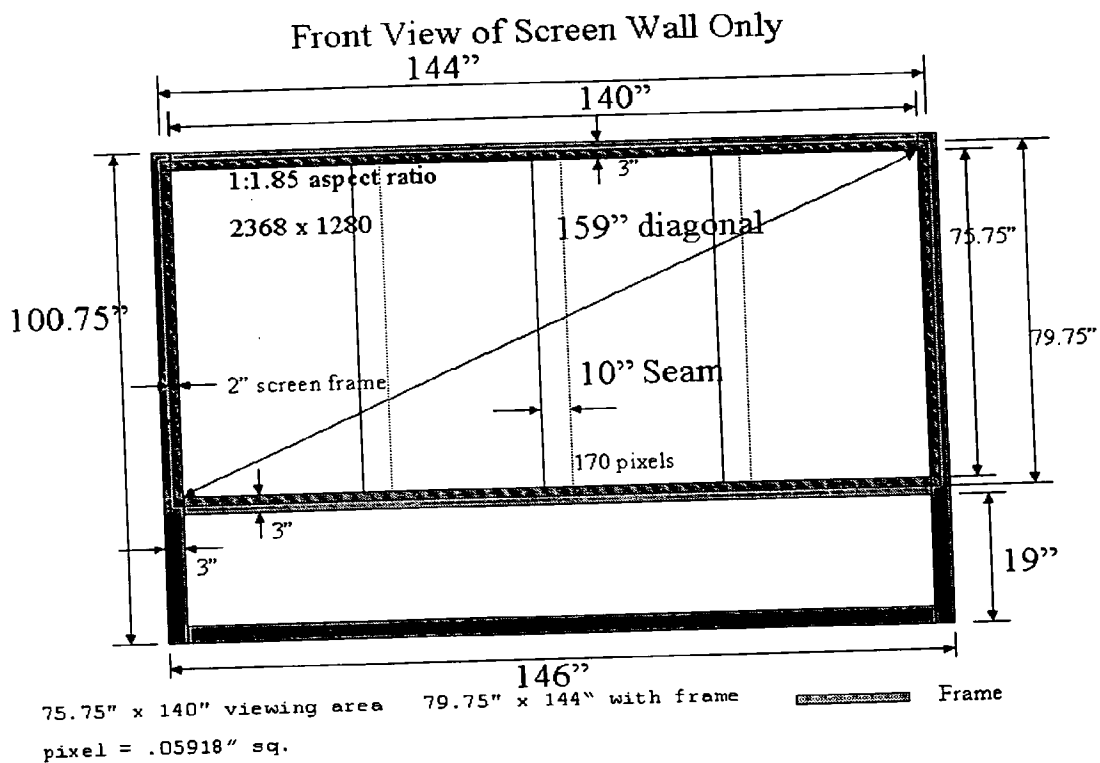


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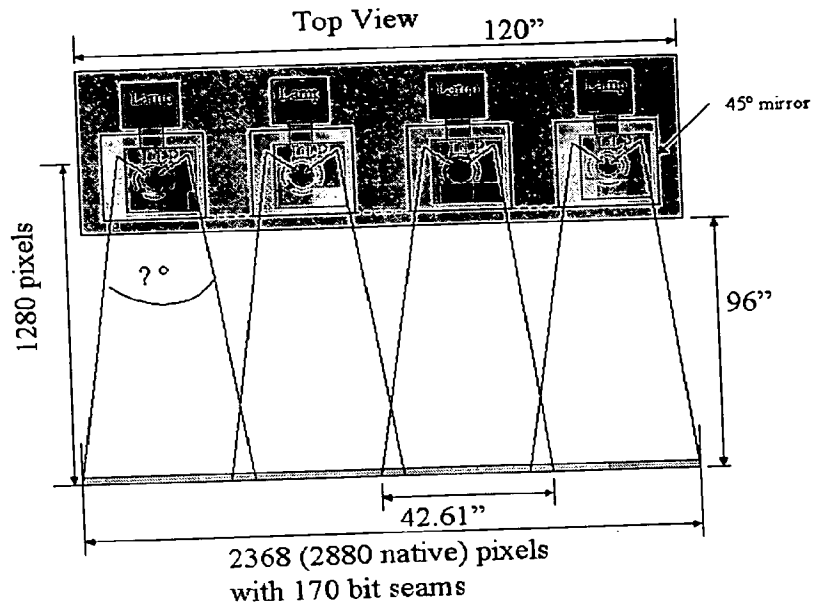


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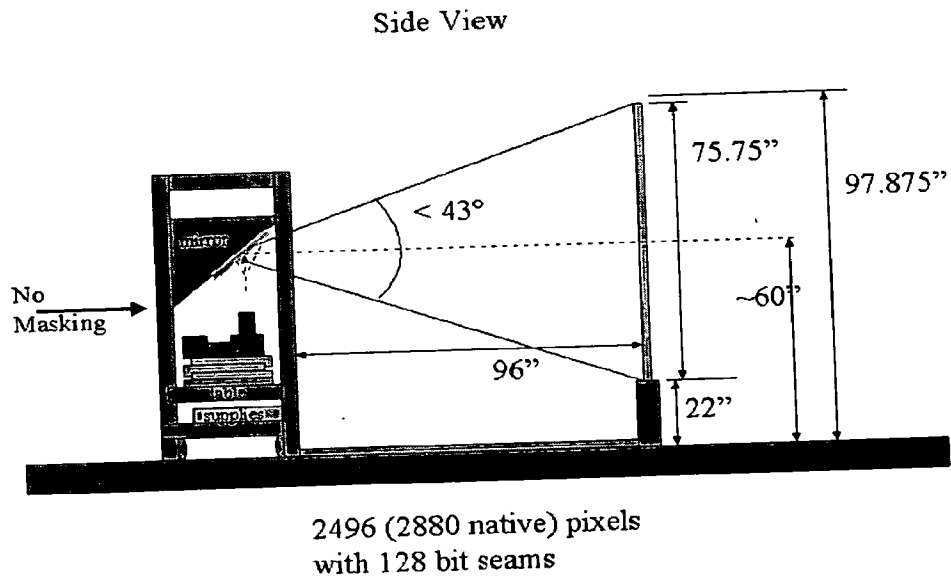


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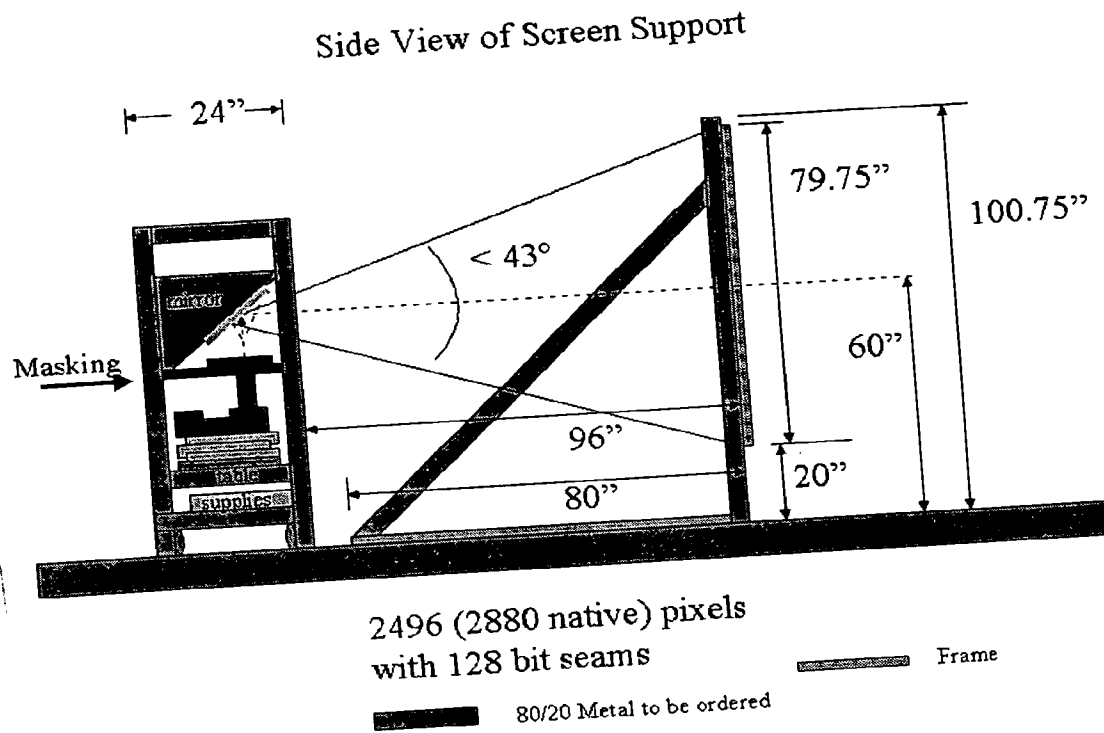


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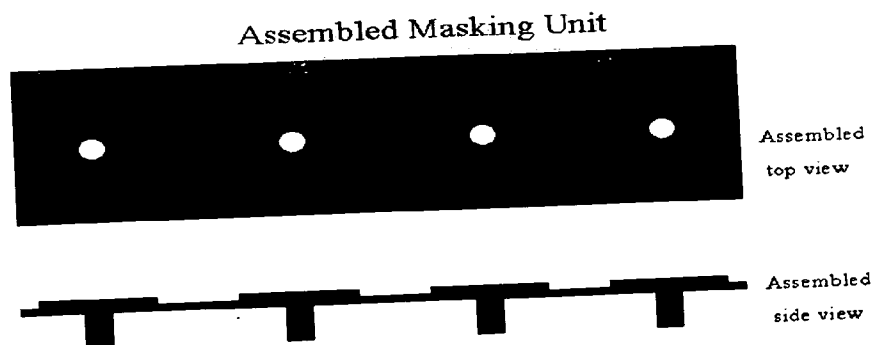


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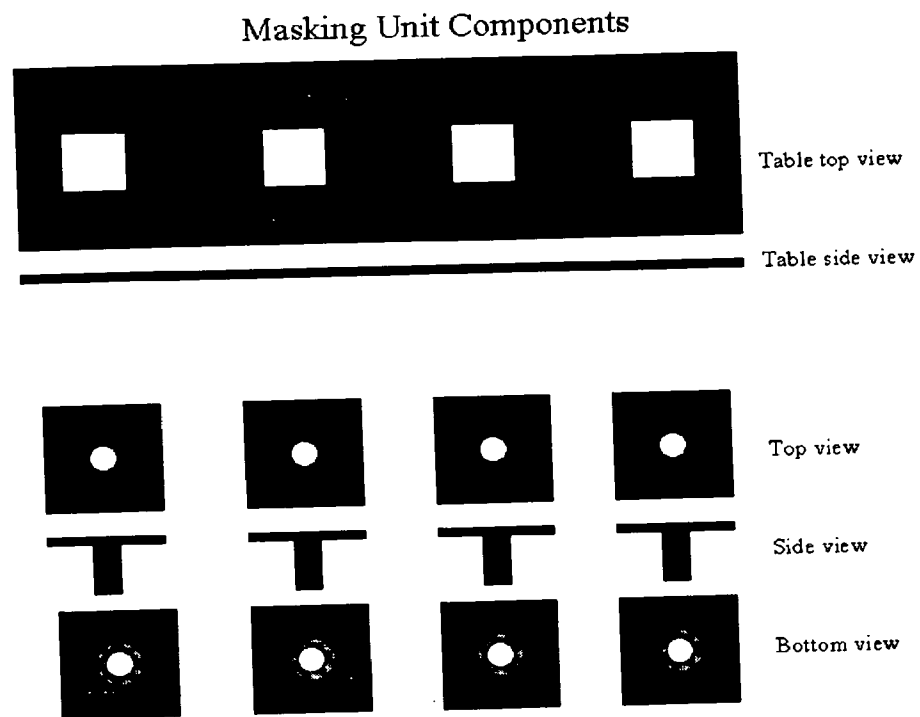


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